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COVID-19 surge

District Minister inspects Kerala border check-post

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (DM)- With Mysuru witnessing an alarming surge in the number of COVID-19 positive cases, District Minister S.T. Somashekar visited Bavali check-post on Karnataka-Kerala border this morning and reviewed the COVID control measures being taken up.

Earlier this month, the District Administration had made production of RT-PCR negative report mandatory for all travellers from Kerala who were visiting Karnataka and had set up a **COVID-19 Inspection Centre and Border Facilitation Centre at Bavali** and other check-posts bordering Kerala, which was one among the States that first experienced a sudden spurt of the deadly pandemic.

Speaking after inspecting Bavali check-post, Somashekar said that those travellers who are not in possession of RT-PCR negative report are being sent back to Kerala from the check-post.

Noting that inter-State travel between Kerala and Karnataka has come down sharply following a spurt in COVID-19 positive cases, he said only about 120 - 130 vehicles are passing through this check-post daily and all the travellers are being mandatorily screened for the deadly virus.

Pointing out that the Kerala Government has set up a **Sample Collection Centre** at the check-post for the benefit of such commuters who have not undergone the test before travel, Somashekar said that such a measure will be taken by the Karnataka Government too.

Referring to the issue of transportation of goods between the two States, the Minister said that Kerala is getting most of its vegetable supplies from Karnataka through Bavali check-post and the Karnataka Government will ensure that farmers of our State do not face any problems or hurdles in transportation of their horticultural produce. He further said that emergency travel will be allowed through the check-post.

(See CHECK-POST on page 6)

Night curfew from 9 pm to 6 am

Weekend curfew from Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am till May 4

Bengaluru, Apr. 21 (SSV)- In a bid to contain the galloping Corona positive cases and casualties, the State Government has initiated strict measures which included Statewide weekend curfew, extension of night curfew to all districts and closure of all cinema halls, malls, gymnasiums and other entertainment places. **Under the new guidelines, a night curfew will be in place from 9 pm to 6 am from today and weekend curfews will be in place from Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am from Apr. 23 till May 4.**

These guidelines were issued after Governor Vajubhai R. Vala held a meeting of all political parties here yesterday to chalk out strategies to check the spread of pandemic, which was attended online by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who is undergoing treatment in a private hospital.

After the meeting, Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar read out the new guidelines. He said a night curfew was already in place in six districts of Karnataka, from Apr. 10 to 20. However, now under the new guidelines issued the entire State has been put under night curfew. The curfew will be in force from Apr. 21 to May 4 from 9 pm to 6 am. The weekend curfew, which will begin from Apr. 23, will also be in force till May 4.

(See CURFEW on page 6)

In view of the implementation of strict COVID guidelines from today, the City Police led by DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and others went around the city centre this noon to create awareness among the general public on following COVID safety measures.

No curbs on inter-district vehicle movement

Curfew pass not required: DCP

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (RK&SSV)- With fresh guidelines issued by the State Government to check the movement of people, Mysuru City Police have decided to alert shop-keepers to down the shutters at least 30 minutes before night curfew comes into effect, and also ask citizens to reach home before 9 pm.

DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda told *SOM* that there will be no restriction of inter-district movement of passenger or goods vehicles. So, the question of the curfew pass does not arise. The cops on duty will never ask for the curfew pass from travellers, he said.

However, crowding on roads will not be tolerated. Patrolling vehicles will alert the public 30 minutes before the starting of night curfew through public address system, he added.

Police bandobust was in place with deployment of Civil, Reserve and Mounted Police at vantage points to prevent unnecessary movement of public. The Police will expect people to strictly adhere with the guidelines to defeat the pandemic.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta will brief officers at 4 pm today on do's and don'ts regarding new tough rules.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 21st April 2021

No exams for classes 1 to 9 of State Board

Bengaluru, Apr.21- Putting to rest all speculations, the State Government on Tuesday decided to promote children of class 1 to 9 studying in State Board schools without the customary annual examination in view of the worsening COVID-19 situation.

The decision was taken at a high level meeting chaired by Primary and Secondary Education Minister S.Suresh Kumar and attended by Department officials in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The promotion will be based on Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), which was conducted through online and physical mode as well as Vidyagama programme.

Speaking to presspersons after the meeting, Suresh Kumar said schools must conduct the assessment based on CCE and announce results by Apr.30.

Asserting that there will be no change in the SSLC exam which is scheduled to take place from June 21 to July 5, the Minister also announced that State Board schools will remain closed for summer vacation from May 1 to June 14 for classes 1 to 8. For classes 8 and 9, the vacation will be from May 1 to July 15, he added.

UGC-NET exam postponed

New Delhi, Apr. 21- In view of COVID-19 spike across the country, the Union Government has postponed the UGC-NET exam (National Eligibility Test) that was scheduled to take place throughout the country from May 2 to 17.

The National Testing Agency (NTA), which is tasked with the conduct of the exam to determine the eligibility of candidates for Assistant Professorship or Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) posts, in a release said that the fresh dates of the exam will be notified at least 15 days in advance. The decision to postpone the May exam has been taken taking into consideration the safety and well-being of candidates.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Government could also consider targeted hand-outs to sectors worst affected by the lockdown and wage support to companies to ensure last year's large-scale layoffs are not repeated. This need not be indefinite. But for five or six months, both companies and individuals will need help — and preferably direct fiscal help. The choice between lockdown and allowing infections to spread is not an easy one. Both hurt the economy and cause human distress. But ignoring the pandemic will not help in any way, and will only make the foundations of future recovery weak. What is needed right now is a meticulously planned surgical strike of containment and vaccinations with a clear time horizon. What is also needed is a targeted stimulus. This approach, if it has to succeed, will require a considerable amount of political capital to be invested. The health and economic crises are inextricably linked — and it is only by battling the former can there be progress on the latter.

— Chanakya in Hindustan Times

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fear of roaches make couple change houses 18 times

Bhopal: A bizarre case of a young couple, shifting 18 houses in just 3 years, due to the wife's extreme cockroach phobia was reported in local media recently.

The couple in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state have been changing houses for the past 3 years, hoping to finally find a cockroach-free house. However, after no less than 18 moves in 3 years, the wife's extreme fear of cockroaches has taken a toll on their marriage and the exasperated husband is now preparing to file for a divorce.

The couple first changed houses in 2018, but it wasn't long before the wife's cockroach phobia flared up again, so they relocated once again. They've reportedly moved 18 times in total and the husband has become fed up with his spouse's phobia. He took her to several psychiatrists, including one at All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), but the woman allegedly refuses to take the prescribed treatments.

Man finds 19th-century tunnel under his home

Illinois: An Illinois couple who moved into their home in December last made a surprising discovery while repairing their sidewalk - a 19th-century tunnel underneath the house.

Gary and Beth Machens said they moved into their Alton home in December and recently decided to repair a section of sidewalk that had started to slope. Gary said he had to remove part of a stone wall on the sidewalk to make the repairs and he then discovered the entryway to a tunnel.

Local historians estimated the tunnel was created in 1840, 50 years before the house was built, but they do not know the original purpose of the underground structure. Machen said he hopes to preserve the tunnel and possibly give tours if it is deemed safe and the city agrees to help with the cost.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Some People with depressed immune response like diabetes can have more recurrent or widespread fungal infection and can be treated with cream if it is not severe. If it does not respond to creams, then oral medication with anti-fungal tablets may be required.

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.19	APR.20
Day's Positive Cases	568	699
Total Positive Cases	62,319	63,018
Day's Discharges	373	336
Total Discharges	57,409	57,745
Day's Deaths	8	4
Total Deaths	1,122	1,126
Total Active Cases	3,788	4,147

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

PM greets citizens on Ram Navami, cautions against pandemic again

New Delhi, Apr. 21 (UNI) - Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the nation on Ram Navami today and asked people to follow the COVID-19 guidelines, saying the message of Lord Ram to all of us is that they should follow the appropriate behaviour.

'May Lord Shri Ram's boundless compassion always remain on the countrymen,' he tweeted.

The festival is celebrated to mark the birth of Lord Ram.

The Prime Minister asked people to follow all the protocols in place to avoid getting the infection and keep the mantra of *"dawai bhi, kadai bhi"* (have medicine and follow guidelines) in mind.

REALLY...?

- ***Water slides are more dangerous than rollercoasters.***
- ***The best place in the world to see rainbows is in Hawaii.***
- ***Dentistry goes all way back to when humans first had teeth... well not quite that long. However, one study found evidence of teeth being drilled in skulls that dates from 7,500 to 9,000 years ago.***

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Tom: *Where about in the town?*

Tim: *In the shopping complex....second floor !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.43
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.15
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.53
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Fleecing the tax-payers, MCC style!

Sir,

To cover up the expected and un-expected deficit in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) budget and revenues, MCC has devised novel mode of cess collections in the name of "Cemetery Cess" and "Garden Cess" from this financial year which are of substantial amounts.

I fail to comprehend for what purpose MCC is collecting cemetery cess from the tax-payers every year. This is apart from the fees collected at the cemetery to conduct last rites. What an irony !

I do not know what MCC means by garden cess? Is this amount being collected by MCC for maintaining a garden or for not maintaining a garden in our property ?

These new cess are nothing but daylight robbery executed by MCC. The law-abiding tax-payers are constrained to pay their taxes as per the SAS form generated and we the honest tax-payers have no other choice.

Over a period of time, we have been paying Health Cess, Library Cess, Beggary Cess, Urban Transport Cess and now from this financial year onwards they have added Garden Cess and Cemetery Cess.

MCC at first should plug all its loopholes in the revenue collection and initiate stringent action against the defaulters, rather than penalising honest tax-payers by adding a couple of cess every year.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

Mysuru
18.4.2021

Obituary

M.P. Ananda Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 21- M.P. Ananda Kumar (60), a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away in the wee hours of today at his residence following a heart attack.

A pro-Kannada activist, he leaves behind his wife Rani and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Jayanth

Jayanth (59), Accounts Supervisor at BEML and a resident of Bannimantap, passed away yesterday in city.

Former Treasurer of Sawday Church, he leaves behind his mother, wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road yesterday afternoon, according to family sources.

B.S. Shankar

B.S. Shankar (78), Personal Assistant of Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and a resident of Navilu Road in Kuvempunagar, passed away at a private hospital here yesterday following brief illness.

A native of Basavapatna village, he leaves behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Shankar was the Personal Assistant of MP Sreenivasa Prasad since 1986 and had earlier served in the Archaeology, Heritage and Museum Department in Bengaluru and had also served at the Tobacco Board for two years.

Mahesh Raje Urs

Mahesh Raje Urs (53), a resident of 9th Cross, Srirampura 2nd Stage near Naidu Stores, passed away on Apr. 19, following a brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on Apr. 20 at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

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Gram Panchayats asked to hold meetings only on drinking water issues: District Minister

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (YDS&DM)- Stating that following the surge in COVID-19 cases, Gram Panchayats in the district have been asked to hold meetings only to discuss drinking water issues and not any other matter, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the same also applies to all the four Assembly segments of the city.

He was speaking at the District-level official meeting at the Government Guest House here yesterday.

Pointing out that the bed capacity in Hospitals has been increased in anticipation of a higher number of COVID-19 positive cases in the district in the next 10 days, Somashekar said that he has received complete inputs on the availability of general beds, oxygenated beds and ventilator beds and as well as vaccines in Government and Private Hospitals. He further said that furnishing statistics on the availability of such beds on a daily basis will address the concerns of the people to a large extent.

Noting that though the current second wave of the deadly virus is spreading faster than the first one, which broke out last year, the people seem to be reluctant to take the spread seriously, Somashekar directed the officials to take strict measures for ensuring that the number of people attending functions, marriages etc., do not cross the stipulated number.

Assuring of all help from the Government, including supply of vaccines for effective tackling of the virus, he directed the district administration to publicise the measures taken by it to control the spread of the pandemic.

Stating that it has come to his notice that dramas/plays are being performed regularly at the District and Taluk levels, Somashekar instructed the officials to take action against those organising plays without permission. He also asked the officials to take stringent action against those failing to follow COVID appropriate behaviour.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, DC Rohini Sindhuri, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad, District AYUSH Officer Dr. B.S. Seethalakshmi and other officials were present.

Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman warns of severe action against negligent officials

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that he has zero tolerance for lethargic officials, Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Kote M. Shivanna has warned that officials who fail to distribute safety wears and gadgets to Pourakarmikas serving in urban and rural local bodies, will be sent to jail.

Speaking to presspersons at Jaladarshini here on Monday, after visiting the Pourakarmika Colony atop Chamundi Hill, Shivanna said that it is regretting to note that authorities had failed to distribute safety gadgets even during the COVID-19 crisis. Stating that he has seen many Pourakarmikas working in bare hands, he said that it is the responsibility of the Commission to ensure their safety.

Pointing out that he will hold a meeting with MCC officials on the issue in a couple of days, he said that the Commission will be forced to invoke its powers to act against apathetic officials.

Stating that the National Law School of India has recommended appointment of one Pourakarmika for 500 people, Shivanna said that, however, at present, there is one Pourakarmika for every 5,000 people.

"Direct credit of Pourakarmika wages has started from April and I have directed the authorities to build rest rooms for Pourakarmikas at all City Corporations in State. There is no need for an exclusive Insurance for Pourakarmikas as in the case of Anganawadi workers and I have told the authorities to make use of available Insurance," he said.

Pourakarmika leaders appealed the Chairman to provide employment as per their educational qualifications. Pointing out that Chamundi Hill UGD worker Cheluvaraju died while on duty, they said that his family members were yet to get compensation from the Government even after nine months of his death. They asked the Chairman to give necessary directions in this regard.

Mysuru TP Executive Officer Krishnakumar, District Safai Karmachari Vigilance Committee member K. Nanjappa, Pourakarmika leaders N. Mara, Shekar, Palani, Aruna and others were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Calling UoM grads

The 101st Annual Convocation of University of Mysore (UoM) will be held in April 2021. Eligible students who have passed graduation, post-graduation and Ph.D in September/ October 2020 can submit their application forms for obtaining degree marks cards before Apr. 22.

Seminar postponed

In view of COVID-19 surge, the national seminar on Kaivara Sadguru Nareyanayogi, jointly organised by Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University of Mysore (UoM) and Sri Yogi-nareyanayateendra Prachar Sabha at Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Hunsur road in the city on Apr.25, has been indefinitely postponed. For details, call Ph: 0821-2419336 or 2419261.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Kannada to K.P. Mounesh for his thesis 'Adunika Kannada Kadambarigalalli Grama Samskruthiya Sthityantara (Ayda Kadambarigalannu Anulakshisi) submitted under the guidance of Dr. Kokila.

VTU, Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering to Kirundanda D. Bopanna for his thesis titled "Studies on heat sink development for avionics applications" submitted under the guidance of Dr. Ganesh Prasad. An alumnus of NIE, Mysuru, he is currently serving as Associate Professor at New Horizon College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

COVID-Appropriate Behaviour teams formed, to penalise COVID law-breakers

51,000 cases booked so far; penalty of Rs. 1.37 crore collected

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (SBD &BCT)- The City Police have constituted dedicated teams to penalise those not wearing masks, violating social distancing norms and spitting in public. The dedicated teams have been deployed at specific locations within the jurisdiction of some Police Stations from 10 am to 6 pm daily to punish hygiene norms violators.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the exclusive teams are named **CAB (COVID-Appropriate Behaviour) Team** and they have been suitably trained on law enforcement. The teams have been given three vehicles and they will be on the move always. Apart from penalising mask-less persons, the patrolling teams will visit choultries, event and marriage halls to see if the limited guest norm is followed or if there are any violations.

Their job is to visit public places including hotels and choultries and record the happenings in the video-camera provided to them. Later, the videos are displayed at the Control Room in City Police Commissioner's Office and cases are booked after identifying the people. The videos are presented as photographic evidence.

Teams have been spotted at choultries directing the attendees to wear masks and stand at least 3ft. apart while conversing. The Police say that violation of COVID-19 norms notified under the provisions of the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases (KED) Act, 2020 are cognisable and non-bailable in nature. Till now in Mysuru, 51,000 COVID norm violation cases have been booked and a penalty of Rs. 1.37 crore has been collected.

"Normalcy has returned to the city and people are stepping out of homes more often. So, we have to focus on preventing the disease. Apart from penalising the violators, we are educating people on the effective enforcement of laws to prevent spread of COVID-19. Violations like not wearing masks, failure to maintain social distancing and flouting rules for large congregations have been common in Mysuru and this is why teams have been formed to check," a Police officer said.

High Court observation

Even the High Court of Karnataka has observed that unless penal actions under the KED Act, 2020 and the regulations are enforced strictly, the purpose of enacting these laws as a tool to the State authorities to prevent spread of epidemic diseases like COVID-19 cannot be achieved effectively.

Right to lead healthy life is guaranteed under the Article 21 of the Constitution and the State Government must view violations of COVID-19 norms seriously as violation of these norms by person or group would violate right to healthy life of other citizens, the Court has observed.

Cases booked

City Police have booked cases under IPC and The Disaster Management Act - 2005 against the following persons for violating norms on Apr. 18 and 19.

Those booked are: Organisers of weddings in Vidyaranyapuram and Devaraja Police limits, Manager of a bar near the Private Bus Stand, Manager of a shopping mall on Vinoba Road, a shop owner on K.T. Street, owner of a restaurant in Alanahalli Police limits, tea shop owner on Mahadevapura Road, a juice centre owner on Al-Badar Masjid Road and owner of a shop in Kuvempunagar.

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Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2261.20	feet
Inflow	:	203	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.27	feet
Inflow	:	25	cusecs
Outflow	:	320	cusecs

Corona awareness campaigns to be launched in schools and colleges

Mysuru, Apr.21 (SPN&DM)- With the State and the country witnessing a second wave attack of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the Education Department has come forward for conducting awareness campaigns in schools and colleges.

As a first step in this regard, the Department has released Rs. 29.605 lakh for holding awareness campaigns at 5,921 schools and colleges, with a grant of Rs. 500 per programme.

The Director of State Planning has issued instructions to district-level officers for conducting awareness programmes for students of classes nine to twelve in the first phase. The teachers at schools and colleges have been tasked with the responsibility of successfully holding such programmes. During the course of the campaign, teachers will educate students on how to protect themselves from epidemic diseases and also mentally and intellectually prepare them on facing situations.

The students will also be given tips on maintenance of hygiene and cleanliness in the campus and in the vicinity. They will also be given inputs on how to engage themselves academically during the COVID-19 crisis.

Out of the released funds, Mysuru District has got Rs.1.375 lakh for 275 schools and colleges, Mandya District Rs.1.440 lakh for its 288 schools and colleges, Hassan District Rs.1.445 lakh for its 289 schools and colleges, Chamarajanagar Rs. 69, 500 for its 139 schools and colleges and Kodagu district has got Rs.39, 500 for its 79 schools and colleges.

MUDA Commissioner appeals public to avoid making visits to office

Dr. D.B. Natesh

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (DM)- With the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic witnessing a sudden surge in the past few days, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh has appealed the public to avoid making unnecessary visits to the office.

Pointing out that the number of people visiting MUDA Office has been on a steady rise over the past couple of weeks, with a good number of senior citizens standing in long queues for remittance of Tax (2021-22) without any interest, the Commissioner said that the interest-free remittance of tax can be made till Mar. 31, 2022. Also, online payment of tax will be introduced shortly for the benefit of public. With a lot of time still left for payment of tax, the citizens, especially the elderly, should avoid visiting MUDA Office for their own safety and health, he said and added that citizens have also been advised to refrain from crowding at the Office as a public safety precautionary measure.

The public can WhatsApp or call Mob: 90703-11111 for issues concerning Site Section, 94803-39495 - City Planning Section, 99020-26545 - Engineering Section and 96111-99912 for issues concerning Land Acquisition Section.

Public can meet the MUDA Chairman or MUDA Commissioner only if their issues are not addressed at the respective sections.

Farmers stage demonstration

against moves for privatisation of MySugar factory

Mandya, Apr.21 - Strongly opposing the reported moves for privatisation of the century-old 'MySugar' factory at Mandya, farmers under the banner of Mandya Zilla Raitha Hitarakshana Samiti staged a demonstration at MySugar factory premises on Sunday.

Alleging that the factory has convened a three-day virtual meeting of the factory's shareholders on Apr. 25, 26 and 27 to discuss leasing out the factory to private parties, the farmers urged the authorities to stop the e-voting that has been ordered to decide on leasing out the factory. Urging for deferring the three-day virtual meeting, the protestors claimed that holding meeting at such a short notice has given rise to suspicions. Maintaining that most of the shareholders are yet to get the notice about the meeting, they strongly opposed the conduct of the meeting amid surge in COVID-19 pandemic.

Later, the farmers submitted a memorandum to MySugar Chairman B. Shivalingegowda seeking to defer the meeting and to stop privatisation moves.

Speaking after receiving the memorandum, Shivalingegowda said that a decision on conducting the scheduled meeting will be taken after holding talks with Sugar Minister and Mandya Deputy Commissioner. MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, farmer leaders Sunanda Jayaram, Keelara Krishna, Muddegowda, K. Boraiah and others were present.

Fake Remdesivir case

Two medical

representatives arrested

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (SBD&KS)-The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, who are investigating the sale of fake Remdesivir injections, have arrested two medical representatives yesterday, thus bringing the total number of arrests in this case to three.

The CCB Police on Apr. 19 had arrested prime accused Girish, a nurse at a private hospital in city for manufacturing the fake injections at his house in Vidyanagar here and had seized empty vials of the injection. Girish used to refill the empty vials with fake medicine and sell them with the help of the two medical representatives.

The Police after arresting Girish, had taken two medical representatives Prashanth and Manjunath and also Shivappa, a security guard and his wife Mangala, a housekeeper at a private COVID Care Centre for questioning.

While the two medical representatives have been accused of helping Girish in selling the fake injections, Shivappa and Mangala have been accused of collecting empty Remdesivir injection vials and give the same to Girish, who then used to refill them with fake medicines and seal them using rubber cork and aluminium seal. Prime accused Girish was produced before a Magistrate, who remanded him (Girish) to judicial custody. The Police are continuing their investigation and are interrogating Shivappa and Mangala couple.

MUDA's Group Housing

Project at Gokulam opposed

Mysuru, Apr. 21 - The Mysuru Urban Development Authority's (MUDA) plans to execute a Group Housing Project on the grounds surrounding the Mysore One Office located near Doctor's Corner in Gokulam Third Stage, has been opposed by former Gokulam Corporator Venkatachala and V. Madhu, a Director of The City Co-operative Bank.

In a joint press release, Venkatachala and Madhu said that Gokulam extension was developed by MUDA in three stages over the past five decades. Noting that the grounds at the Mysore One Office is the only playground in the locality, they said that this ground is used by hundreds of children and youths for playing games and engaging in other forms of entertainment.

Pointing out that the people of the locality have an emotional bonding with the ground, they said that the Group Housing Project will deprive a large number of people of their play and recreation time.

Also, the residents have strongly opposed the move. As such, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh should seek public opinion before going through the project, they urged. They also warned of agitation if MUDA went ahead with the project in a unilateral manner, ignoring the sentiments of the local residents, who want the space to be left only as a playground.

Newly wed couple commits suicide

Nanjangud. Apr. 21 (KS)- A newly wed couple have allegedly committed suicide by consuming pesticides at Krishnapura village in the taluk on Sunday.

The deceased are Chandrashekar (30) and his wife Kavitha (18). They were married 10 months ago. A labourer, Chandrashekar and Kavitha were living happily and Kavitha along with her husband had come to her parents' house at Venkatachalapura village, where they had celebrated Ugadi festival.

But on Sunday night, the couple had allegedly consumed pesticides and were found lying by their family members in their agricultural field. The family members rushed them to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, but Chandrashekar breathed his last before reaching the hospital and his wife Kavitha died on Monday.

The family members said that Chandrashekar and Kavitha were living happily and Police said that the reason for the couple to take the extreme step, that too just 10 months after getting married is yet to be known. Grade One Tahsildar Vishwanath, Nanjangud Rural Circle Inspector Shivanaja Shetty, Sub-Inspector Satish and staff visited the spot. A case has been registered at Nanjangud Rural Police Station.

Farmers protest against steep hike in fertilizer prices

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (PM&DM) - Strongly condemning the steep hike in the prices of fertilizers, nearly 30 farmers under the banner of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), staged a demonstration in front of Mini Vidhana Soudha at Nazarbad yesterday morning.

Maintaining that the Modi-led Government at the Centre has broken the back of the farmers with the sudden and steep hike in prices of fertilizers and other agricultural inputs, the protestors accused the Government of destroying the agricultural sector by pursuing anti-farmer policies.

Claiming that the Government had hiked the price even as it has been saying that it is working towards doubling the income of farmers, the protestors asserted that the cost of production is rising every year, which has forced the farmers to either opt for other occupations or migrate to cities in search of work.

Maintaining that the fertilizer price hike will badly hurt the farmers, the protestors urged the Government to roll back hiked prices and thus come to the rescue of the farmers, who are already reeling under the vagaries of nature and un-remunerative farm prices.

KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra, office-bearers P. Marankaiah, Kallahalli Kumar, Govinda Naika, Chandrashekar, Mahesh and others took part.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (KS)- Metagalli Police have found a body of an unidentified man near the Railway track at Belawatha village and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The unidentified man is aged between 30 and 35 years and the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Metagalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418315 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Student goes missing from city

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (KS)- A girl student, who left her house on Apr. 17 at about 9 am saying that she was going to the college, has since gone missing.

Sandhya

The missing girl is 17-year-old Sandhya, a PUC student and residing in Udayagiri Police limits. Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Pandemic casts shadow over Ram Navami festival in city

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (PM&SD) - Rapid spread of second wave of COVID-19 cases has cast a shadow over Ram Navami festival celebrations in city.

The traditional enthusiasm and religious fervour was wholly missing today as people confined the celebration to their homes. In an effort to stop the spread of the deadly pandemic, the State Government yesterday has imposed weekend and night curfew all across the State till May 4.

Just like last year, there was no distribution of *Panaka, Kosambari*, Butter Milk or Prasada to the members of the public. Most of the Ram Mandirs in city, including the ones at Shivarampet and Krishnamurthypuram, opened for a brief period this morning to perform puja rituals marking Ram Navami festival and no devotees were allowed inside the temple.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Secretary of Shivarampet Ram Mandira Phaneendra said, "This is the 131st year Ram Navami festival being celebrated here. Every year, we used to celebrate the festival in a grand manner and organise cultural programmes for 15 days, but this year, as per the guidelines issued by district administration, we are celebrating Ram Navami in a simple manner which has been limited to normal daily puja rituals."

An artiste dressed as Lord Ram creating awareness about wearing mask.

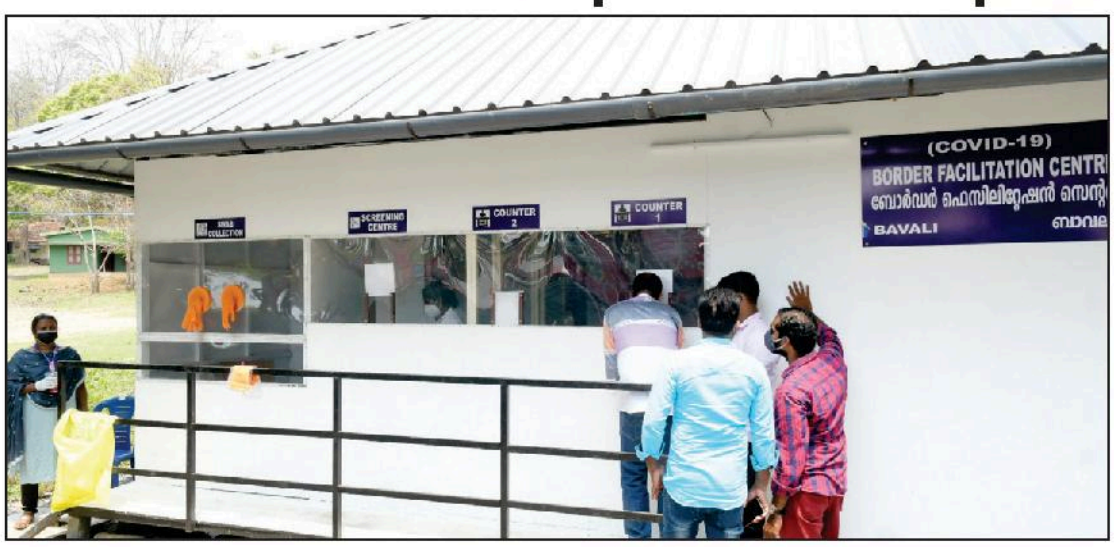
The festival of Ram Navami is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Lord Ram. As per the Hindu tradition, Lord Ram was born on Navami thithi during Shukla Paksha of Chaitra month.

Theatre artiste dressed as Lord Ram

A local theatre artiste dressed up as Lord Ram was seen urging people to wear mask and maintain social distancing on Narayana Shastri Road, Lakshmipuram here this morning.

G. Shivamallu, a theatre artiste from Hosakote of Nanjangud taluk, dressed as Lord Ram used this opportunity to create awareness about the importance of safety measures to be taken during this pandemic.

District Minister inspects check-post



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Highlighting the measures taken by the Karnataka Government, Somashekar said he hoped that the people of Mysuru will co-operate in following COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Mysuru has a considerably lesser number of COVID-19 guidelines violation cases, he added.

Asserting that there is no shortage of oxygen supplies in the district, he maintained that there is no 'Remdesivir' vaccine shortage in the district. He further said that the Health Minister would be visiting the city on Thursday to take stock of oxygen and vaccine supplies to the district.

Maintaining that the District Administration has set a target of vaccinating 8.75 lakh people, he said that 5.70 lakh eligible people have been vaccinated so far.

Contending that the Chief Minister has formulated tough rules to control the spread of the pandemic by taking everyone into confidence, he said that Mysuru District Administration was committed for total implementation of the new set guidelines. H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Mysuru SP C.B. Ryshyanth, Tahsildar Nargund, Taluk Health Officer Dr.Ravikumar and other officials were present during the Minister's visit.

Night curfew from 9 pm to 6 am

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During the weekend curfew, the movement of individuals will be prohibited excepting essential and emergency activities. All essential workers are allowed to move by displaying their ID cards. Neighbourhood shops dealing with groceries, milk, food, fruits, vegetables will be allowed to function only from 6 am to 10 am.

Home deliveries are encouraged. Restaurants and eateries are allowed take away service.

All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, theatres, parks, bars, assembly halls, auditoriums will be shut. Any type of gathering — religious, political, social, sports, academic — is prohibited.

Marriages adhering to strict COVID-19 behaviour are permitted with 50 people, while cremations and funerals are permitted with 20 people.

Long-distance buses, train services and air travels will ply and people will be allowed to use public transport, private vehicles, taxis to reach railways stations, airport, bus depot. However, they need to have valid travel documents.

Guidelines applicable throughout State

- All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, yoga centres, spas, sports complexes, stadia, swimming pools, entertainment and amusement parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places will remain closed till May 4.
- Only swimming pools that are approved by the Swimming Federation of India can be opened for sportspersons and for training purpose only.
- All social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious gatherings, other gatherings and large congregations are also prohibited. Stadiums and playgrounds are allowed for organising sports events and practising purposes but without spectators.
- All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for the public. However, all personnel engaged in services at the place of worship shall continue to perform their rituals and duties without involving any visitors.
- Essential services like shops, including ration shops (PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder is permitted.
- Wholesale vegetable markets, fruit markets and flower markets shall be permitted to operate from open spaces or playgrounds strictly adhering to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. The shifting process shall be completed by Apr. 22.
- Lodging hotels will be open for guests as well. Standalone liquor shops and outlets, bars and restaurants are permitted for takeaway only.
- All food processing and related industries are permitted to operate. Banks, insurance offices and ATMs are permitted. Print and electronic media permitted.
- Delivery via e-commerce websites will also be permitted.

KSRTC bus services register

improvement after HC's observation

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&DM)- A day after the Karnataka High Court (HC) observed that it was probably the worst time for transport strike, Government bus services in the city and district saw a marked improvement this morning even as the indefinite strike launched by the employees of the four State-run Transport Coporations entered the fifteenth day today.

On Tuesday, the High Court, which heard a batch of petitions seeking intervention of the Court regarding the indefinite transport strike, had observed that it was not the right time to go on any strike and expressed the hope that public transport workers would call of their strike and resume operations without compromising on their demands.

Following the HC's observation, more number of striking workers are said to have reported back to work in Mysuru. However, some Employee Union leaders said that they were still awaiting a copy of the Court's observation in full.

With marked improvement in attendance of workers, KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division, operated more than 250 buses, including those attached to depots from other districts, on most of the mofussil routes. The operations are expected to increase further as the day progresses.

Steady flow of patients to KSOU COVID Care Centre in Mandakalli

Lt. Col. Dr. S.U. Ashok

Mysuru, Apr.21 (RK&SSV)- There has been a steady flow of asymptomatic and patients with mild symptoms to Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) COVID Care Centre (CCC) near Mandakalli on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road ever since the second wave of pandemic in the State.

Re-opened on Apr. 1 after the second wave of COVID-19 swept across the country, this Centre was reporting 50-60 new admission and 20-30 discharges daily. As on today, 300 asymptomatic patients were under treatment, said **Lt. Col. Dr. S.U. Ashok, Nodal Officer of CCC and District COVID War Room.**

He told *SOM* that in the last 21 days, 690 patients have been treated. This Centre had treated 5,860 patients during the first wave of COVID-19.

The four-floor building has 625 beds and functions 24x7 with doctors, nurses, Group 'D' workers, ambulances with drivers and Police.

The menu has been fixed by experts and patients are provided morning snack, breakfast and lunch besides hot water to drink and to bathe.

'Treatotainment' Centre

Dr. Ashok said that this Centre has been giving treatment and entertainment to patients. There will be music, indoor games and entertainment during day time. Hence, patients who come here, get themselves treated at the Centre and return home.

"A few patients may require oxygen support and only the critical cases are shifted to District Covid Hospital for further treatment. If this Centre was functioning well, it was because of support from Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy," he added.

Compost Unit

The Nodal Officer said a compost unit has been created in the sprawling premises to turn the garbage generated in the Centre into compost. A huge pit was dug last year and was closed subsequently. He was also thankful to MCC, KSOU, District Administration, MMC&RI, District Health Department, Police and local Gram Panchayat for extending full co-operation in the functioning of this Centre which was initially started on July 14, 2020.

Health staff at the KSOU COVID Care Centre at Mandakalli checking the body temperature of a patient admitted at the Centre through a thermal scanner this morning. Picture right shows the health staff collecting information from a patient.

Kannada book-lover Syed Isak's library

Authorities urged to perform *guddali puja* for Library on World Book Day

Syed Isak

Mysore, Apr. 21 (RKB&KS)- Following the library of Kannada book-lover Syed Isak at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage getting destroyed in fire in the wee hours of Apr. 9 and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and the Department of Libraries deciding to rebuild the library at the same spot, Syed Isak has urged the authorities concerned to perform *guddali puja* for the construction of the library on Apr. 23 as the day is celebrated as 'World Book Day.'

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, Syed said "if at all the library is being rebuilt, let the authorities perform *guddali puja* on 'World Book Day' on Apr. 23." Pointing out that he has Rs. 2.80 lakh with him, given by District Minister S.T. Somashekar (Rs. 25,000), MP Pratap Simha (Rs. 50,000), a donor (Rs. 2 lakh) and another donor (Rs. 5,000), Syed said that he would do what the Government or the public says.

Obituary

M.N. Srinivasan

Mysuru, Apr. 21- M.N. Srinivasan (54), Senior Manager at Bank of Baroda, Bengaluru and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away in the wee hours of today at a private hospital in Bengaluru following brief illness. He had served as the Manager of Santhepet Branch in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed in Bengaluru this morning, according to family sources.

7,208 positive cases, 72 deaths reported in 20 days this month

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (KS)- With the second wave of COVID-19 spreading fast in the State, the number of COVID-19 positive cases too is increasing in the district, which is a matter of concern. Also, the death rate is increasing so are the number of discharges.

In 20 days this month (Apr. 1 to Apr. 20), Mysuru district has reported 7,208 positive cases, 3,748 discharges and 72 COVID deaths. While 777 positive cases were confirmed on Apr. 18, 568 positive cases were seen on Apr. 19 and 699 positive cases have been reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, the cumulative positive cases in the district till yesterday (Apr. 20) was 63,018, cumulative discharges were 57,745 and 1,126 cumulative deaths. Total active cases in the district till yesterday stands at 4,147, according to the District Media Bulletin.

Going by the positive cases daily, the number is sure to increase in the coming days if people show negligent attitude and fail to follow preventive measures such as wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and washing hands frequently among others. Also, people should avoid crowds and refrain from attending functions and ceremonies, at least till the pandemic subsides.

Three K.R. Hospital docs contract Coronavirus

Mysuru, Apr.21 (RK&SSV)- Three doctors, working in COVID-19 Emergency Ward of K.R. Hospital in city, have tested positive for Coronavirus.

They have been shifted to a special ward in District COVID Hospital for further treatment.

With this, total number of doctors who have contracted this virus, has gone up to seven.

According to sources, in each shift, there will be two doctors, two nurses and two Group 'D' workers. Likewise, there will be two shifts in a day.

Last time, most of the patients were middle aged. But this time, most of the patients are youths. There are 200 beds and it was allotted on the basis of seriousness of patients.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka explains in detail about dog care and its behaviours

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Can I leave my dog alone at home for a few hours?

Ideally, adult dogs shouldn't be left alone for more than 4 hours. There is some wiggle room, provided that your dog has access to enough food and water, as well as a place for potty if they need to. However, even if their basic needs are met, you shouldn't leave your pet alone, and unsupervised, for more than 8 hours a day.

We know that, in most cases, a dog will manage if it has no choice, but we shouldn't push the envelope just because we can. While not all dogs are alike, most adult dogs should be able to go outside to relieve themselves about three to five times a day, and shouldn't be forced to "hold it" for more than four to six hours at a time, on average. We know most adult dogs can hold their bladders for more than six hours, but they really shouldn't have to.

What can I do before and after leaving my dog alone at home for a few hours?

When you leave the house without your dog, you should try to leave your dog in an area where he is comfortable. Once your dog gets more accustomed to being left alone at home, it can then be on its own without any restriction. The best thing you can do, before you leave your dog home alone, is give him some morning exercise. Start with learning how to walk your dog, so that it's beneficial for both you and your dog.

When you take your dog for a morning walk or exercise, it's likely that your dog will sleep right afterwards. You can use food-dispensing toys, instead of the classic food bowl, so you can make it a long-lasting project and keep your dog active and engaged during the time you're away. In general, by leaving your dog small tasks and fun toys to play with, when you're not around, you can avoid unwanted boredom behaviour (like biting and peeing in inappropriate places).

However, never leave your dog alone with a toy that could be chewed apart and swallowed. Once you're back, dedicate some time to your pup and don't be stingy with love and attention. Take your dog out for a walk, play with it and remember, letting your dog stretch his legs, after a day spent indoors, is a great way to help it burn some energy.

Why do dogs pee when they meet new people?

Dogs do it to show social appeasement. When a dog

submissively urinates, it's trying to convey that it's not a threat. Not all dogs submissively urinate. However, some will urinate when they're exceptionally excited, or feeling submissive or intimidated.

Dogs, who submissively urinate, usually do so when greeting people or animals (especially unfamiliar ones), during exciting events, while playing, during physical contact such as petting, or when scolded or punished. It's as though they lose bladder control. Some dogs produce dribbles of urine, while others void large puddles. If your dog urinates indoors, or at inappropriate times, it's important to visit a veterinarian, to rule out medical causes, before doing anything else.

Why do dogs love looking outside windows?

For the same reason you do : to see the world and decrease anxiety, boredom, or negative emotions. They are inside a lot. If your dog tends to bark at people or animals, or act in a wild way when they look out of windows, it may be best to calm your animal by pulling the window up till he gets used to the sights and smells.

Why do sometimes the dogs bark whenever the owner is on call till they hang up?

If your dog starts barking, or acting up, every time you hold a conversation on the phone, it is because you have unconsciously trained him to do so. Every time he starts barking when you are on the phone, you either pat him or call him or give him a treat. He knows that this will get him attention. You need to ignore him completely, or leave the room. Over time his behaviour will change.

Do dogs really want to go inside or outside when they scratch gates?

Scratching the gates doesn't necessary mean that the dog wants to come inside or go outside. Door-scratching is a symptom of a range of behavioural problems, but the most common culprit is something called separation anxiety. Separation anxiety occurs when dogs are split up from their owners and worry that they'll never be reunited. Dogs have an instinctive need to feel certain about the environment they live in, and they will try to relieve stress by scratching at doors. Many dogs may scratch the walls simply because they are bored.

My dog is sneezing but he is not unwell. What can I do ?

The dog may have something in his nose. Usually sneezing helps the dog to expel the item on its own, but you can check the nose using a good lighting source. Look for nasal discharge, foreign objects, etc. Evaluate your dog's overall health. Is it eating and drinking normally? Have you noticed any coughing? Has it had recent exposure to infectious disease. You can apply saline nose drops. Use plain saline rinse, sold for use in human sinuses/noses. Saline can help moisten dry nasal passages and rinse irritants away. Over-the-counter antihistamines are helpful for mild allergy symptoms. Benadryl (diphenhydramine) is tolerated well by dogs and comes in pill or liquid form. But, if their nose is bleeding, or they keep pawing at their nose and sneezing, see your vet for an examination and possibly diagnostic testing.

To join the animal welfare movement contact
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www.peopleforanimalsindia.org

PFA HELPLINE

Savitha Nagabhushan - 9845654429
DOGS, PUPPIES, CATS, KITTENS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION [Contact: Ph: 0821-2598213]
Timings: 8 am to 8 pm

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS

Readers with queries about their pets health, care and behavioural issues may send their questions to *SOM* : *voice@starofmysore.com*

Baby Hunters (Shikras) !

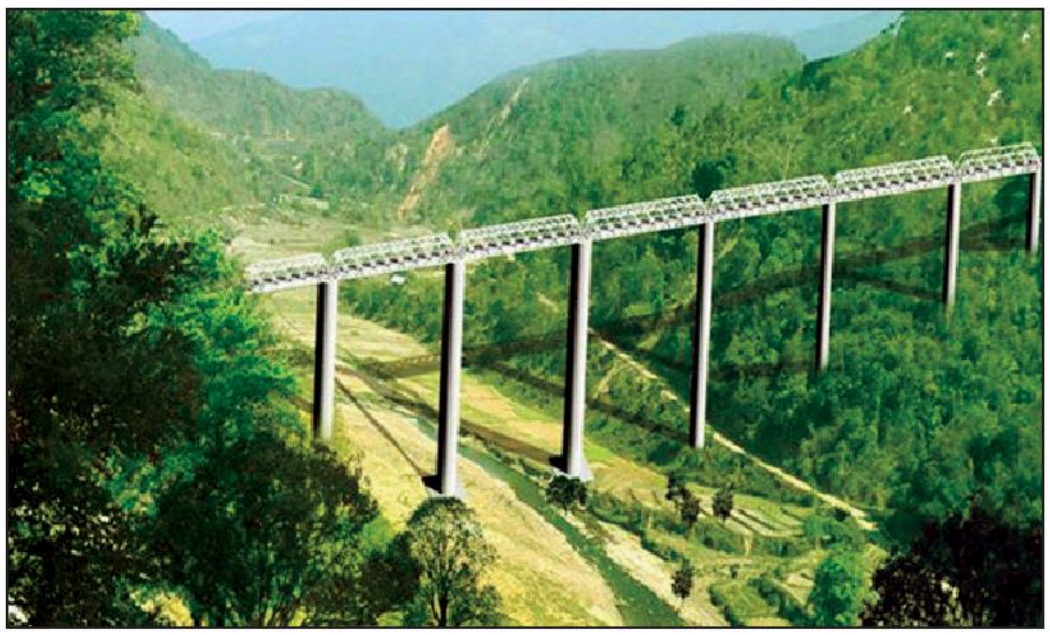
The Shikras are one of the most common small birds of prey (raptors). In fact, it was an article on Shikra in *SOM* dated Sept. 2, 2020 by eminent Ethologist Ragoo Rao that inspired me to take my hobby of bird photography to the next level. I have been following Shikras since then and was lucky to capture these adorable Shikra hatchlings near my house recently.

Shikras breed in India during the summer and their nest resembles that of crows, built of twigs and sticks. Known for their courage, bravery and intellect, Shikras were quite popular with falconers.

An Indian Navy Air Station in Mumbai is named after this bird — INS Shikra. The Shikra is also the mascot for the 149 Squadron of the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

— H.S. Sreeranjini, Sharadadevinagar 1st Stage

World's tallest pier bridge
in Manipur an engineering marvel



Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BCT)-The world's tallest pier bridge in Manipur is an engineering marvel. The bridge across river Ijai near Noney — between Jiribam and Imphal in Manipur — has the tallest pier height of 141 metres. It surpasses the existing record of 139 metres of Mala-Rijeka viaduct, Montenegro in Europe.

Saibaba Ankala

The bridge is a part of Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal new broad gauge line project (111 km) and the total length of the bridge is 703 metres. The piers of the bridge were constructed using hydraulic augers and they needed specially designed 'slip-form technique' to ensure efficient and continual construction, observed **Saibaba Ankala, Chief Engineer, Indian Railways.**

He was delivering the keynote address on *'Challenges in Design and Construction of World's Tallest Bridge in India'* after inaugurating the RACE 21 Seminar — a biennial event organised by the **Mysore Centre of Association of Consulting Civil Engineers, India (ACCE (I)** at the MBCT Auditorium, Akkamahadevi Road in city recently.

"The steel girders of the bridge were pre-fabricated in a workshop, transported in segments and erected at the site by Cantilever launching scheme. Self-erecting electric lifts were used at each pier for the safe and speedy conveyance of men and materials to the top," he added.

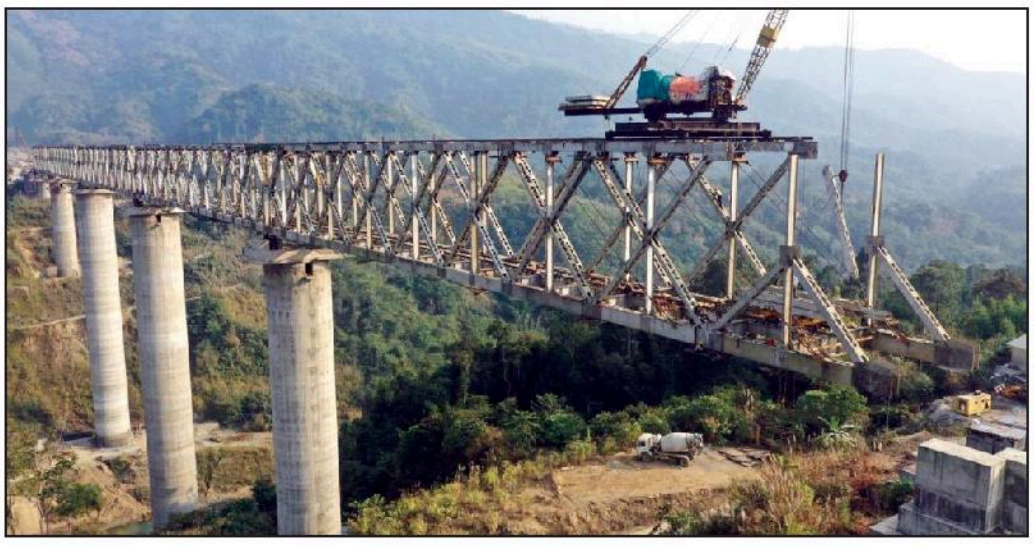
Engineers, designers, workmen and other personnel from 17 States worked together under challenging circumstances, he noted. Saibaba Ankala has the distinction of playing a vital role in major projects like India's first cable-stayed bridge in Bengaluru, sealink bridge between Bandra and Versova and also multi-modal transport system in Hyderabad and Mumbai.

In the next session, **Capt. R.R. Doddihal, General Manager (Technical) and Chief Engineer, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation and his deputy Jwalendra Kumar** spoke on *'New Technologies and Zero Error Execution for Sustainable Highways'*. Their address was streamed through video-conferencing. They said the Government of India was aggressively pursuing construction and development of the road-network.

In the third lecture, **N.P. Sharma, Chief General Manager (Civil), Principal, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited** addressed the seminar on *'Tunnelling in Mixed Strata and Segmental Construction — Bangalore Metrorail Project'*. He outlined the challenges faced during the construction of Chikpet and other stretches of Metrorail.

The fourth lecture was addressed by **Dr. P. Nanjundaswamy, Professor of Civil Engineering, SJCE, Mysuru** on *'Sustainable and Safe Roads in India — Challenges and Solutions'*. He observed that about 1,50,000 people died in road accidents every year and the Government has been implementing a multi-pronged road safety strategy based on education, engineering (of roads and vehicles), enforcement and emergency care to reduce accidents.

The technical sessions were anchored by Professors S.K. Prasad, G.S. Suresh and G.P. Chandradhara. Dr. K.S. Manjunath rendered the invocation. Chairman of RACE 21 Committee H.S. Deepak welcomed. Centre Chairman Prakash, RACE Secretary Shashiraj, Nikhil P. Koundinya, Past Chairman of ACCE (I) R. Sundara Murthy and others were present.



[Pic. courtesy: Internet]

Selected for Awards

Syed Isak

R. Poornima

Mysuru, Apr. 21 - Book-lover Syed Isak and senior journalist-publisher R. Poornima have been selected for 'M. Gopalakrishna Adiga Pustaka Parichalaka Prashasti' and 'Nanjangud Tirumalamba Prashasti' respectively. The awards are being given by Ankita Prakashana and Sringara Prakashana.

Addressing a press meet yesterday, Karnataka Prakashakara Sangha President Prakash Kambattalli stated that Kannada poet Siddalingaiah will present the award to the recipients at a function to be held at Kendra Sahitya Academy Auditorium, Central College in Bengaluru on Apr. 23 at 11.30 am, as part of World Book Day celebrations. The awards carry a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and a citation.

Felicitation volume 'Jayasiri'
to be released on Apr.24

Jayappa Gowda

Mysuru, Apr. 21 - Felicitation volume titled 'Jayasiri' on noted writer **Dr. D.S. Jayappa Gowda** will be released at a function to be held at Babbur Kamme Sangha Samudaya Bhavan, near Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram here on Apr. 24 at 5 pm.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and well-wishers of Dr. Jayappa Gowda have organised this programme. Noted Kannada novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa will inaugurate the programme. Senior litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar will preside. MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and L. Nagendra and Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Praadhikara's former Chairman Dr. Pradhan Gurudutt will be present. Epigraphist H.M. Nagaraja Rao will speak about the felicitation volume.

Recipient of Karnataka Sahitya Academy Book Award, noted writer Dr. D.S. Jayappa Gowda who has worked as a research associate in Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, has written a number of valuable books and has been an Honorary Editor of Karnataka Vishwakosha as well as renewed editions of four-volume Kannada Samanya Vishwakosha.

No leave for staff for next one month: DC

Mysuru, Apr. 21 - The District Administration has decided not to grant leave during the next one month for staff members in the wake of COVID-19 second wave in the region, said Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri. Staff members of Mysuru City Corporation, Revenue Department, Health Department and other departmental employees have now been appointed as Nodal Officers, Incident Commanders and frontline workers, she said in a release.

Lockdown boredom?
Log on to digital library

Mysuru, Apr. 21 - Due to the second wave of COVID-19, as a precautionary measure, all public libraries have now been closed down, but the Department of Public Libraries is giving an opportunity for the public where interested readers can now download and log on to the mobile app *e-sarvajanika granthalaya* or digital library website of the department *https://www.karnatakadigitalpubliclibrary.org/login* to download and read the books online.

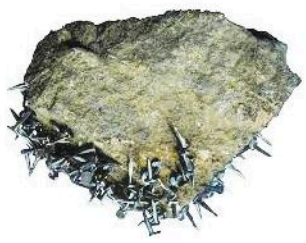
This year, Mysuru City Central Library and its branch libraries are celebrating World Book and Copyright Day in a simple and symbolic manner on Apr. 23.

Entries invited for scholarship

Mysuru, Apr. 21 - The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from Law graduates belonging to SC Community for availing student scholarship under its Law Practice Practical training programme. The eligible Law graduates, aged below 40 years, can apply online through the Social Welfare Department portal *(sw.kar.nic.in)* from May 1 till June 30. The applicants must have registered with the Local Bar Association and must be a member of Karnataka Bar Council.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lodestone



Pronunciation: LOHD-stohn.
Meaning: Magnetite possessing polarity; something that strongly attracts.
Origin: Lodestone is made up of distinctly English components, ones that have been part of our language since before the 12th century. Lode comes from the Old English lād, which means "way, journey, course." The word stone derives from the Old English stān, which had the same meaning as the modern term stone. When the two ancient words were combined to form lodestone in the early 16th century, the new term referred to magnetite, a magnetic iron ore. Just as a new business district might be a magnet for entrepreneurs, or a poor soul a magnet for bad luck, lodestone sees similar figurative use describing things with a seeming power to attract.
Example: "... the city was a lodestone of rock-and-roll and rhythm-and-blues innovation." — John Beifuss, The Memphis (Tennessee) Commercial Appeal, 2 Nov. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Lactifluous

Flowing with milk.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Let her rip

Meaning: If someone says "let her rip," it usually means to go faster, to speed up. The "her" in this case typically refers to a vehicle, like a boat or car. This phrase can also mean "go ahead," as in someone is given permission to do something.
Origin: Who is the "her" in this phrase and what is she "ripping"? Is it a woman tearing a piece of paper in half? Let's take a closer look at these two words and see what they mean within the context of this expression.
The word "her" is sometimes used in connection with vehicles or machinery (example, someone might call their car a she or her). On the other hand, the word "rip" is sometimes used in relation to speed (example, someone might say they ripped through the water in their new motor boat). So basically, the word "her" in this phrase generally refers to a vehicle, and the word "rip" means to make said vehicle go faster. Now, then, how old is this phrase? The oldest example one could find of it with its "go faster" meaning is from a book titled *Out West,* published in the year 1910: "Git up more steam – this ain't a funeral! Let her rip! Don't mind the speed limit! Keep the whistle going!"
Example: "Hey, can I tell you about my day? It was very eventful and I want to share it with you!" "Alright, let her rip, Jason. I'm all ears."

QUOTE BOX

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.— **Dr. Seuss**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Kiss and make up.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ well that ends .....
5 Before - "ree" anagram ?
8 Kind of pudding
12 Uprising
13 Frank (3,2,3)
15 Thoughtless
17 Soul
18 Heavenly bodies, as the sun and moon
19 Auxiliary Transport Service
21 Stitch again
24 Mire
27 Repeating
30 Irish Rep. Army
31 ___ the running: having little or no chance of success? (3,2)
32 Maiden-name
33 Ex-tennis champion who became first woman IPS officer (5,4)
35 Govt. statistic
36 Not in line
37 Unit of energy
39 Leak from tap
41 Thinks or ponders over ?
45 Absolutely stable (6,2,1,4)
49 Moved unsteadily; vacillated
50 Singer Amos
51 Juniper
52 Gad's son?
53 E pluribus __

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	A	K	I		B	I	G	B		F	C	S
A	B	A	S		A	L	M	A		U	R	E
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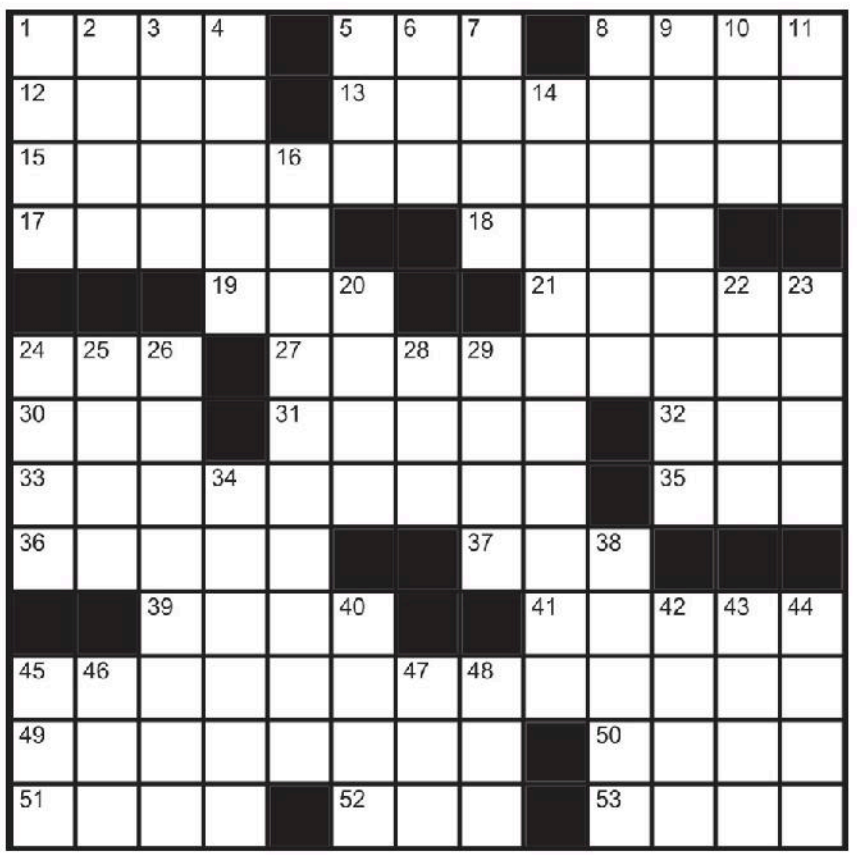
DOWN

1 Musical solo
2 A pool of water at the foot of a waterfall
3 Lines or curves satisfying a given geometric condition
4 Mouth-like opening
5 Printing measures
6 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
7 Internal as a prefix ?
8 Fruit ice
9 Collecting
10 Pistol
11 Undivided
14 Dry land (5,5)
16 Extending throughout the country
20 Stumpy remnant
22 Smooth
23 Cry or sob
24 ___ Hakkinen: 1998-1999 F1 Champion
25 "Exodus" author
26 An evil or sinful act (4,4)
28 Estimated Time En route
29 Went on horseback
34 To charge with air or carbon dioxide
38 Renowned percussionist Trilok ____
40 Funerary bonfire
42 In a while
43 Light fawn colour
44 Read superficially
45 State Trdg. Corp.
46 Afternoon drink
47 Ireland's ___ Lingus
48 Star Wars, initially



SUDOKO

		2			7		3	
4	9							
	7		1	3		9		
2		5		4				8
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		4		1	9		7	
							6	3
	5		3			8		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	9	7	1	4	3	8	6	5
3	8	4	5	7	6	2	9	1
1	6	5	8	9	2	4	3	7
8	3	2	4	5	9	1	7	6
7	4	1	6	3	8	9	5	2
6	5	9	7	2	1	3	8	4
9	2	6	3	1	7	5	4	8
4	7	3	2	8	5	6	1	9
5	1	8	9	6	4	7	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XD XM CFEZ WXOOXGKSD DT SXCF YUTLP IFTISF ZTK STCF

YLW ATSW VYGQ OETU TOOFEXLP DAFU YWCXGF.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Men long for an afterlife in which there apparently is nothing to do but delight in heaven's wonders.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Krishna Talkies (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Rewind (K)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Vakeel Saab (Te)	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chasing (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Chakra (K)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	6.45 pm
99 Songs (H)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Rewind (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-2)	7 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 3.55 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	1.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
	(S-4)	5.40 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Karnan (Ta)	(S-1)	5.20 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
		5.00 pm
99 Songs (H)	(S-4)	2.20 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 6.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-1)	6.40 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Rewind (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	11 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.45 pm
99 Songs (H)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.10 pm

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99 Songs (H)	: 11.10 am, 2.15 pm, 5.30 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10.50 am, 5.20 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 10.40 am, 5.05 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 2.05 pm
Karnan (Ta)	: 11 am, 2.25 pm, 6.10 pm
Krishna Takies (K)	: 11.15 am, 2.30 pm, 5.40 pm
Kho Kho (Ma)	: 2.25 pm

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Krishna Talkies (K)	: 10.40 am, 5.15 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 1.55 pm
99 Songs (H)	: 11.05 am, 2.10 pm, 5.55 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 2.55 pm
Karnan (Ta)	: 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 5.25 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 10.50 am, 5.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

DC defeats holders MI by 6 wickets in a tense chase

Delhi Capitals players celebrate the wicket of Rohit Sharma, captain of Mumbai Indians, in the IPL match held at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai, yesterday.

Chennai, Apr. 21 (UNI)- Delhi Capitals (DC) defeated defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI) by six wickets in a tense chase in the IPL match at the Chepauk Stadium here last night.

In a low scoring affairs, with the spinners playing a crucial role, DC overhauled MI's 137 for nine, scoring 138 for four with five balls to spare, for its first win in last six matches.

Starting the chase, DC lost Prithvi Shah early, but in form Shikar Dhawan (45, 42 balls, 5x4, 1x6) anchored the chase along with Steve Smith (33, 29 balls, 4x4) with a 53-run stand for the second wicket.

In fact DC was well-placed at 68 for two at the half way stage, before a couple of quick wickets, brought the holders back into contention.

MI bowlers came back in the hunt with some tight bowling by Trent Boult and offie Jayant Yadav.

While Lalit Yadav, kept one end up with a disciplined knock, Rishab Pant went for a leg side scoop and holed out to Hardik Pandya of Jasprit Bumrah, as DC was in a delicate position with 22 needed in three overs, in what turned out to be a tight and tense chase.

While Lalit Yadav survived a LBW review of Trent Boult, Shimron Hetmyer eased the pressure with an inside out boundary of Boult to bring down the equation to 17 off 15 balls, and five off the last over after Bumrah conceded two no-balls.

Hetmyer hit a four off Pollard and in an anti-climax bowled a full toss above waist height, as DC sealed a six wicket win.

In the end, Lalit Yadav remained unbeaten on 22 (25 balls, 1x4) and Hetyer (14, 9 balls, 2x4) to see the team through.

Amit Mishra scalps four wickets

Leggie Amit Mishra bagged four wickets as Mumbai Indians (MI) decision to bat first nearly boomeranged as it was restricted to 137 for nine. The holders lost wickets at regular intervals and were restricted to a below par score, on a slow wicket, where Amit Mishra exploited the conditions to the hilt.

Except Skipper Rohit Sharma, who top scored with 44 (30, balls, 3x4, 3x6) and meagre contributions from Suryakumar Yadav (24, 15 balls, 4x4) and Ishan Kishan (26, 28 balls 1x4, 1x6), the holders lost the plot in the middle overs.

After the early loss of Quinton de Kock, the second wicket association of 57 runs between Rohit and Yadav raised hopes, but the middle order lost the way as Mishra ripped through the line up.

The big hitters including Yadav, Hardik Pandya and Pollard failed to deliver, holing out out to the deep as Mumbai Indians were restricted to a below par score.

Kudos to Delhi Capitals skipper Rishab Pant, who marshalled his resources well with timely bowling changes to restrict the holders and hope for its first win against MI in the last five encounters.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 21)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 12th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsava, Poornahuti, Baliharana, Kumari, Suvasini, Vatuka Puja, Mahamangalarathi, Ashtavadhana Seva Prasada Viniyoga, Trayinyas premises, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Talk on "Remembering Professor C.D. Narasimhaiah during his Birth Centenary Year: Why and How" by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm**.

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 22)

- **Children's Literary Club:** Talk on "Lesser-Known Facts about North East India" by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm**.

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